

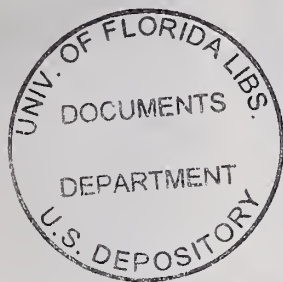
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The Story of ARLINGTON HALL STATION

The 1941-42 edition of the Arlington Hall Junior College brochure boasted to prospective applicants of a 100-acre campus offering "... interesting variety with its open lawns, landscaped gardens, and wooded sections."

Twenty-seven years later, Arlington Hall, no longer a school for refined young ladies but Headquarters of the Army Security Agency, retains the sylvan setting of "interesting variety" that so moved the brochure writer.

Our cover illustration shows the Headquarters building of Arlington Hall Station, an 87 acre installation located in Arlington, Virginia, four miles from downtown Washington, D.C. on Arlington Boulevard. Inside is the nerve-center for ASA operations around the world.

Now the yellow-brick classic colonial building is part of the U.S. Army, but before the Signal Intelligence Service (SIS) acquired the financially-troubled school in 1942 it was a place where verbs were conjugated and *The Merchant of Venice* was scoured for symbol and metaphor.

The main floor of the building housed the offices of the school's president, dean, and registrar and a well-stocked library. In the auditorium, adjacent to the library, stood a concert grand piano and a pipe organ. Drawing rooms, parlors, and classrooms comprised the remainder of the main floor.

On the upper floors of the main building were the dormitory rooms, while behind the building stood the gymnasium-swimming pool, which remains intact in structure and purpose today. A hunt course covered the grounds near the gymnasium.

In its physical and academic structure Arlington Hall strove to instill in its students the virtues of a more genteel past. Poise and ease of manner were the goals of "... a high type of instruction in both academic subjects and in fine and applied arts under conditions that make for the fullest development of each girl."

In 1942, Arlington Hall Junior College, after suffering serious financial difficulties, was purchased for \$650,000 as the site of the SIS.

On June 14, 1942, 2LT Scott G. Runkle and a guard detail of 14 enlisted SIS men took possession of the deserted property. 2LT Runkle carried a .45 pistol while the enlisted men toted sawed-off broom sticks in lieu of rifles, which were in short supply at that time.

By 1945 the majority of military and civilian personnel at Arlington Hall were employed by the Armed Forces Security Agency (AFSA). The Army component of AFSA, the Signal Security Agency, was redesignated the 9420th TSU Signal Security Agency in February 1945, and later became the Army Security Agency on September 15 of that year.

For nearly 23 years now, Arlington Hall has served as the headquarters of ASA units and operations around the world. Concert and recital have given way to computer and briefing as Arlington Hall has quickly become an integral part of metropolitan Washington society and the U.S. Army.

But the Headquarters building is a proud one and it will not surrender completely to our electronic sixties. It retains an appearance of quiet elegance; its halls still hint of teas and dances and the grand concert piano.

In 1941 the school brochure said Arlington Hall had a "refined, home-like atmosphere"—with ASA in 1968, somehow, the same seems to apply.

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OUR COVER

The cover drawing of the entrance to the Headquarters Building of Arlington Hall Station is by SP4 David D. Blow. See story on this page.

ASA Amateur Archaeologist Makes Find



SP5 Roger Ostrom examines a piece of shaped stone which he believes was made by Ainu tribesman in the Joman era. He found the stone near FS Chitose.

Some people are observant by nature. Specialist Five Roger Ostrom, Chief of the Maintenance Crew at the Field Station Chitose transmitter site, is such a person. Because of his good eyesight he spotted a piece of clay pottery near the Post Education Center recently while on a routine police call. He didn't give the discovery a great deal of thought at the moment, but pocketed the fragment and examined it more thoroughly when he returned to his room.

The fragment had some evidence of handworked patterning on one side while the reverse side was smooth, like the inside of a bowl. Ostrom decided that the pottery piece must be of primitive origin because it had not been glazed or decorated with colors. He guessed that the pattern on the bowl had been made by pressing cloth or

twine into the clay while it was still wet, and that some other marks had been made by fingernails or small sticks.

A few days later Ostrom found other similar artifacts in the same area and began a serious analysis to discover their origin and significance.

Each of his "finds," Ostrom recalled, was lying either on top of the ground or only partially concealed in the grass. He thus assumed that they did not originate in the area but had been brought in from somewhere else. Further investigation proved that when the installation was constructed, the Post Engineers had brought in topsoil for use as a base for sodding the lawns.

Having worked for a short period at the Post MARS station, Ostrom recalled seeing the large, yellow Engineer trucks full of dark topsoil driving onto the main part of the Post from that area. In the hope that the MARS station area also produced the topsoil containing the artifacts, Ostrom rode to the area to investigate. During a morning's search of the dirt pits, Ostrom found many pieces of pottery, several obsidian arrowheads and some stones which appeared to have been shaped for use as primitive implements.

To discover the origin and significance of his finds, SP5 Ostrom traveled to the city of Sapporo, the home of Hokkaido University. There he showed his relics to Prof. Oba, Chief of the Archaeological Department and Dr. Sakuzaemon Kodama, Professor Emeritus of the Anatomy Department.

Dr. Kodama identified the objects as authentic remains of a civilization that inhabited the Chitose area approximately 2,500 to 3,000 years ago. The pottery and other relics were probably made during the Joman era by native tribesmen called Ainu.

Although Ostrom's finds are typical of many found in the Chitose area, and do not constitute a major archaeological discovery, they are of interest to archaeologists because they are representative of that period in the history of the Chitose geographical area.



These examples of ancient pottery were found by SP5 Roger Ostrom in the area around FS Chitose.



pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents

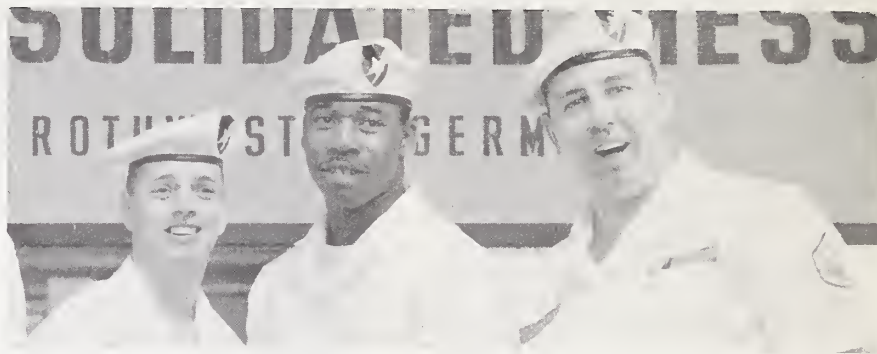


On June 5, U.S. Army Garrison, Arlington Hall Station, received the Treasury Department's Minuteman Flag for attaining 91% participation in the savings bond program—the highest percentage in the Agency. MG Charles J. Denholm (left) and Garrison CO, COL Seth F. Hudgins hang the flag in front of USAG Headquarters.

Before the drive, coordinated by CW2 Maurice G. Jones, the Garrison had the lowest participation in the Agency. The flag was presented by Mr. Glen R. Johnson, National Director, Savings Bond Division.



SSG Jack O. Brown, commcenter NCOIC (left) at FS Chitose was one of 32 ASA NCOs invited to a hot springs spa for a weekend this spring by the Japanese Master Sergeants Association.



From Germany comes the ballad of the White Berets, the saga of the fearless wielders of spatula and carving knife, the men of "Special Foods!" The cooks at FS Rothwesten Consolidated Mess have come up with a new idea that is a "first" in the Agency—white berets, complete with ASA patch. The berets, a decided improvement over paper hats and field caps, were approved by the post commander. Showing off their new hats are (left to right): SP4 Raymond Wood, SP4 Abraham Brown and SSG Clemence A. Cuevas.

SOLDIERS OF THE QUARTER

SP4 Robert Howell—ASAPAC
SP5 Doug Owens—FS Bad Aibling
SP4 Bruce W. Gillette—FS Herzo
SP5 Thomas W. Chapman—FS Rothwesten

Japan—Sixteen years after serving with the unit as an enlisted man, LTC John T. Norris returned in June as Commanding Officer, FS Hakata.

In May, 240 donors at FS Hakata gave 219 pints of blood. This was a record high for the unit.



Frankfurter Forum

Frankfurter Forum, a monthly 12-page multilith unit paper for Headquarters, USASA Europe, published "Vol 1 No. 1" on the Fourth of July. Editor SP4 Art Dworken is assisted by SP4 C. E. Downey. MAJ Earl L. Beatty is the Officer Advisor. The Forum takes its name in part from the Frankfurt, Germany forum, the Roemer, which is pictured in the paper's nameplate above.

California—Capacity crowds attended Two Rock Ranch Station's first Military Ball held May 24, which was very well received.

Florida—LTC Warren H. Ellis, FS Homestead, participated in groundbreaking June 7 for a new quarter-million dollar Army-Navy Administration building which will house the headquarters, administration and security sections of the FS when completed in January 1969.

Ethiopia—On June 16, a 20-page weekly printed *Entertainment Guide* was started by Kagnew Station. It gives complete details on radio and TV programs, club activities, etc., and contains cartoons and crossword puzzles. The editor is SP4 Rudy D. Shephard, assisted by Mary Jackson.

Germany—Miss Debra Sperry, daughter of SFC Harvey L. Sperry, FS Herzo Education Center NCOIC, has received the Ruth Missionary Scholarship given to the top student preparing for a career in missionary nursing or medicine. She is attending Bethel College, Minn., on a four-year U.S. Army Walter Reed Institute of Nursing Scholarship.

Mrs. Bernyce, FS Rothwesten, has received the National Red Cross Outstanding Service Award for her work in the station's water safety program.

NEW . . . AND MOVED

On April 1 two new Agency units were activated: 375th USASA Company (EW), Ft. Hood, Texas (CPT Donald Stewart, CO) and 376th USASA Company (EW), Ft. Bragg, N.C. (CPT James W. Conrad, CO).

Company C, 318th ASA Bn has moved from Augsburg, Germany to Ft. Riley, Kansas, while the 507th ASA Gp, Baumholder and 182d ASA Opns Co, moved to Augsburg. The 370th ASA Opns Co has left FS Vint Hill Farms for Ft. Bragg where it is attached to 301st ASA Bn.

Texas—As of July 27 ASA Det Goodfellow completed one year without an AWOL. According to *Army Times* "Stake Your Claim" section, this is a world record for AIT units!

Arizona—SP6 Clarence R. Saxon, USASA Test & Eval Cen, Ft. Huachuca, received the \$10,000 maximum VRB for his six-year reenlistment, May 26. SP6 Saxon will continue in communications research.

The elite Army Security Agency has some real dogs in it. Literally! One is a Sergeant Major, another a Corporal, while a third, well, he doesn't have a rank.

SGM Blackie was the mascot of ASA Det. USARAL, Ft. Wainwright, Alaska, until his recent retirement by the post veterinarian. Blackie had been the unit mascot and "reception committee" for nearly 14 years, since he wandered in as a puppy.

Blackie's reputation was Army-wide—he had reported to Generals and other officers by sitting ramrod straight on his hind legs until told to do otherwise. For these occasions he wore "dress blues" complete with stripes, hash marks, Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award and the National Defense Service Medal. These medals were all listed in



AFRS Chief Announcer SP5 Carl Ramsey is shown sorting records in ASA's only radio station, located at FS Asmara, which celebrated its 20th anniversary on April 18. Thousands of Ethiopians viewed live broadcasts during anniversary week from the window of a downtown Asmara office building. Staff announcer SP4 Al Osborne is shown cueing tape in the production studio.



Ethiopia—SP4 Dick Early of Kagnew Station was honored June 13 along with 19 female Red Cross volunteers. He is the only authorized water safety instructor trainer in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Mrs. Raymond Buckminster received special recognition for contributing the most hours since September 1967.

Virginia—2LT Kent T. Ficarra,

Vint Hill Farms, was a SP5 until he received a direct commission recently. SSM Robert F. Andrews, NCOIC Op Div, was promoted June 26 to that rank.

Panama—SOUTHCOM's May Soldier of the Month, SP4 Warren Yogi, received 30 days administrative leave while he "played VC" in *The Green Berets*.

ASA Goes to Dogs . . .

Blackie's 201 file which indicated that he was an expert marksman.

Blackie is gone now, but his memory remains in the hearts of the men whose lives he brightened.

CPL Danny Von Alpenhof, mascot for Co D, ASATR, Ft. Devens, is a real youngster by comparison—he is only 2½ years old. CPL Von Alpenhof is a "big boy"—he tops the scales at 150 lbs. and is expected to go between 175-200 before his ETS. This is not unusual since he is a St. Bernard.

Danny is a travelling companion for the ASATC&S Honor Guard, and helps in community relations projects. Recently he gave rides to small children at a Boston orphanage.

CPL Von Alpenhof risked an Article 15, or a court-martial, by going AWOL twice, and refusing to obey an order once. He could not have re-

ceived a cut in pay since he receives no money. He does have his own private building—T-1606½.

The 201 files show that Danny scored 300 on his last PT test which is good since he had trouble with the horizontal bars and grenade throw.

It may be SGT Von Alpenhof soon since Danny has several months time-in-grade, and with a couple of waivers he can get a promotion.

Boozer, mascot for FS Shemya, Alaska, must be a dependent since he has no rank, DEROS or orders. However, since Boozer has been at Shemya since he was brought there by the first ASA Commander, LTC Pete Relac in 1956, you could say that Shemya is his permanent duty station.

Does *your* unit have any "real dogs" in it???

CPL Danny Von Alpenhof (left), SGM Blackie (below) and Boozer (right).





ASA Reservists

Honored

For Heroism

Six get awards for
saving buddies lives

COL Nicholas E. Sloan, HQ, USASA, talks with the award recipients. From left: COL Sloan; SP4 Donald L. Capron Jr.; PFC Michael S. McCampbell; PFC Arthur L. Stewart; and SP4 (acting CPL) Charles M. Duke Jr.

Four Army Security Agency Reservists were honored for heroism and meritorious achievement recently when they were awarded the Soldier's Medal and the Army Commendation Medal.

SP4 Donald L. Capron Jr., and PFC Arthur L. Stewart were awarded Soldier's Medals and SP4 Charles M. Duke Jr., and PFC Michael S. McCampbell were awarded Army Commendation Medals during a ceremony at Field Station Vint Hill Farms on June 13. All of the men are members of the 99th ASA Company (Proc.). Colonel Nicholas E. Sloan, Headquarters, ASA, made the presentations.

The men are four of six ASA Reservists honored for heroism and bravery in connection with the same incident on Aug. 3, 1966. PFC Brian B. Smith has transferred to the 506th ASA Company, Boston Army Base, Boston, Mass., and will receive his Soldier's Medal at a separate ceremony there. The sixth man, Mark C. Burbridge, has since left the service and will receive his award at a later date.

The incident occurred during the 99th ASA Company's summer camp training at Camp A. P. Hill, Va. Two carloads of men were returning to the post when the lead car suddenly left the road and plunged into a lake.

Although the men in the second car did not see the actual accident, they realized something was wrong when they could no longer see the taillights of the first car. They quickly backtracked and discovered the wrecked automobile upside down in about six feet of water. SP4s Harry Meyer and Fred E. Jennings and 2LT Robert A. Laing were still trapped in the car.

Four of the men from the second car dove into the water while the remaining two stayed on shore. Although SP4 Jennings was able to free himself from the wreckage and get to the surface, SP4 Meyer was unable to get out of the back seat and 2LT Laing was trapped, unconscious, behind the steering wheel by a jammed seat belt. PFC Stewart discovered Laing's predicament on his first dive and was able to part the seat belt. He then dragged him from the car and swam to shore where PFC McCampbell administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and external heart massage.

SP4 Meyer became disoriented when the car turned upside down and had almost given up all hope of getting out of the back seat when PFC Capron reached through an open window and pulled him to freedom. Looking back on the incident, Meyer said: "I

thought it was the hand of God carrying me to heaven." When the men had all reached shore, and the first aid administered to 2LT Laing had taken effect and his breathing resumed, the victims were removed to a local hospital.

The awards ceremony culminated the two-week annual summer training period of the 99th Company, which holds its regular training periods at Arlington Hall Station. Besides their normal ASA oriented training, the men of the 99th this year participated in a mandatory 33-hour Riot Control Training problem at Ft. Belvoir, Va. Following several hours of lectures and demonstrations on crowd control, special equipment and other related topics, the men took part in a realistic training problem in a special area of Ft. Belvoir called "Riot Village." During the training problem the reservists had ample opportunity to utilize their new skills on a crowd of rowdy "soldier-civilians" from their own unit. The 99th is commanded by Captain George L. Wooley.

There are 22 other ASA Reserve Units. The units, locations and commanders are: 309th ASA Bn, Maywood, Calif., LTC Truman Van Dyke; HQ&HQ Co, 309th ASA Bn, May-

wood, Calif., CPT Kenneth W. Cleveland; 314th ASA Bn, Chicago, Ill., MAJ Richard Miner; HQ&HQ Co, 314th ASA Bn, Chicago, Ill., CPT Bernard R. Schroeder.

343d ASA Co (Inf), Pittsburgh, Pa., CPT Michael J. Toia; 521st ASA Co (Inf), Maywood, Calif., CPT Martin A. Swingley; 522d ASA Co (Inf), Chicago, Ill., 1LT Karl J. Hagler; 523d ASA Co (Inf), Ft. Snelling, Minn., CPT Joseph R. Carroll; 524th ASA Co (Inf), Detroit, Mich., CPT Ralph E. Black.

397th ASA Co (Armd), Atlanta, Ga., CPT William L. Auld; 453d ASA Co (Armd), Horsham, Pa., CPT Michael Mancuso; 519th ASA Co (Armd), Mountain View, Calif., 1LT Joel M. Rosado; 341st ASA Co (Scty), Seattle, Wash., 1LT Gary R. Dodman; 342d ASA Co (Scty), Baltimore, Md., CPT Glyndon D. Huntington.

298th ASA Op Co (Type A), Ft. Monmouth, N.J., CPT Keith O. Eaton; 345th ASA Co (Proc), Camden, N.J., CPT Francis A. Lombardi; 198th



Men of the 99th ASA Reserve Company move in on "rioters" during the final phase of their civil disturbance training at "Riot Village," Ft. Belvoir, Va.

ASA Det (ACR), Staten Island, N.Y., 1LT Robert O. McDonald; 505th ASA Det (ACR), Boston, Mass., CPT Albert E. Hamwey; 506th ASA Det (ACR), Boston, Mass., CPT Robert A. Larson.

520th ASA Det (ACR), Bell, Calif., CPT George W. LaPold; 197th ASA

Sp Op Det (Abn), Staten Island, N.Y., CPT Nelson Taylor; 200th ASA Sp Op Det (Abn), Bell, Calif., MAJ Keith J. Campbell Jr.; 201st ASA Sp Op Det (Abn), Bell, Calif., 1LT James G. Howard; and the 525th ASA Sp Op Det (Abn), Milwaukee, Wis., CPT Darwin D. Hocking.

NCO Course Started In Europe

by SP4 Arthur M. Dworken

With more than three successful cycles already behind it, Headquarters, USASAEUR's Noncommissioned Officer and Senior Enlisted Specialist Supplementary Training Course seems well on its way to becoming an established tradition at the Frankfurt, Germany post.

Designed specifically for personnel in grades E5 through E7, the course

extends over a period of four Saturdays each month. Functionally, it serves a vital three-fold purpose: (1) To enhance the development of future NCOs; (2) To keep present NCOs abreast of those general military subjects not covered during the course of the normal unit Command Information program; and (3) To serve as a refresher for those general military subjects which appear on NCO Proficiency Tests.

The course was designed and implemented by the NCOs and is now in the hands of Master Sergeant Nickolas Butella, with official approval from Brigadier General Fred W. Collins, commander of USASAEUR.

BG Fred W. Collins, Chief, USASAE, presents a trophy and certificate to SSG Richard B. Conway, Distinguished Graduate for the month of January (left) and to SSG Patrick C. Hiddleston (right) for February.





□ **CDA Chief Heads Study Group**—The commanding officer of USASA's Combat Developments Activity, Colonel Melvin M. Lawson, has been named director of the newly-formed Electronics Warfare Study Group at Arlington Hall Station. The Study Group will examine ways to improve the Army's active and passive electronic countermeasures and defenses against hostile EW on the sophisticated battlefield of the future.

Army-wide in nature, the group is comprised of experts from USASA, Combat Developments Command, Strategic Communications Command, Army Electronics Command, and Army Missile Command—plus officers from the Combat Arms and Combat Support Branches.

These civilians and senior officers bring with them years of experience in such highly technical areas as electronic countermeasures, missile electronics, signal electronics and security, Army field operations and the physical sciences. (CDA)

□ **USASA School Switched to USCONARC**—USASA's training mission at the U.S. Army Electronic Warfare School, Ft. Huachuca, Arizona, recently has been transferred to USCONARC. Conducted by USASA since 1966, the school provided EW training for enlisted men and officers from foreign countries. Later, U.S. officers selected to fill "Prefix E" positions were added to the student body. (An "E" prefix to an officer's MOS indicates EW training.) Under USCONARC the school will remain at the Arizona post and will train U.S. and foreign officers. (ODCSPER)

□ **New Staff Leaders Take Jobs**—On July 15, COL Nicholas E. Sloan assumed his new duties as Chief of Staff of the ASA. Earlier in the month, COL Arthur W. Hackwood took over his position as the new Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. Both staff elements are located at Arlington Hall Station. (ODCSPER)

□ **Vietnam Fact Sheet Offered**—Planning to visit Vietnam soon? If so, you will be interested in a recent U.S. Army fact sheet giving concise answers to questions most frequently asked by newcomers to RVN. Questions answered range from "What type of laundry facilities are available?" to "Do I have diplomatic immunity while stationed in Vietnam?"

The six-page fact sheet covers virtually all topics of interest, including: clothing; baggage; money; personal services; curfews; transportation; personal weapons; mail service; length of tour; leaves; churches; schooling; legal matters; and immunizations.

See your Information Officer for a copy of this publication. Ask for: *U.S. Army Command Information Fact Sheet*, No. 109, June 19, 1968. If unavailable, write: THE HALLMARK, USASA (IAOPS-I), Arlington Hall Station, Arlington, Va. 22212. (ODCSOPS)

□ **Masters Degree Topics Requested**—The Commandant of the Command and General Staff College (C&GSC) has requested USASA to suggest topics and problems of command interest that can be researched at the masters degree level.

The request is in conjunction with C&GSC's program of individual research leading to the Master of Military Art and Science degree. The purpose of the advanced study program is to provide a nucleus of military scholars and produce significant research studies for the Army.

C&GSC's masters degree program was initiated for especially qualified officers in 1963. Since that time, interest has grown to the point where more than 400 individuals have expressed a desire to pursue the degree in the coming academic year. (ODCSPER)

□ **Surcharge Hikes Income Tax**—Under the 1968 Revenue Act, effective in April 1968, and beginning July 15, 1968, taxpayers will pay a 10 per cent surcharge, or a "tax on tax."

What it means to most servicemen is this: for the remainder of 1968 you will have 7.5 per cent more withheld than before the surcharge; for 1969 the net withholding increase will be 5 per cent.

If you get a substantial return every year, the surcharge will not present too great a problem for 1968. However, if you usually find yourself owing money every April 15th, you will have to pay even more with the surcharge.

If this is the situation, check with your finance office and arrange to set aside enough money to cover the extra deficit. (SJA)

□ **USASA MOS Schedules Due**—*MOS Technical Training of Voice Countermeasures Operator*, representing the first USASA MOS Army Subject Schedule published and distributed by Department of the Army, is slated to reach field units this month. Designed for both active and reserve units, this initial DA publication is particularly valuable because there is no service-school training in this MOS; thus the teaching must be done in the field.

Training schedules are being readied for each USASA-connected MOS to serve as technical guides for field commanders in the training or retraining of personnel in the MOS.

As the subject schedules arrive in the field, unit proficiency is expected to increase as the individual's skill level in his MOS increases. Next training schedule due is *MOS Technical Training of Voice Interceptor*. (ODCSFOR)

□ **Help Army Quality Program**—Individuals can actively participate in the Army's Quality Control Program by returning merchandise they consider unsatisfactory to their Army Clothing Sales Store. Department of the Army constantly strives to improve the quality of personal clothing items, but to do this they need the help and suggestions of all personnel. (ODCSPER)

As I See It

By Clifford L. Charron

Command
Sergeant Major



Since I became Sergeant Major of the ASA in July 1966, I have read with regret notifications of the deaths of ASA soldiers. Many of these men I knew personally because of my frequent trips to our units in the field. With every notification I read, I asked myself the same question—why, why did this young man choose to end his life at the age of 19, 22, or 26? I specifically use the word “choose” because this is the case in most instances. Fifty-eight ASA soldiers have died since July 1966—not in battle, but in needless accidents.

When we put on the uniform of the United States Army, we accept the possibility of death in battle or in the line of duty. This is expected, and in-

deed, a source of pride to most soldiers. To needlessly throw away your life because of carelessness or a sudden whim is, however, another matter.

We have lost ASA soldiers because of carelessness while hunting, mountain climbing, sailing and driving. One of these soldiers left a wife and four-year-old child. Another man critically maimed a buddy in a speeding accident. Don't you be the next ASA soldier to lose his life because of foolishness.

You are the finest soldiers in the U.S. Army; you think so, I think so—think twice before you take any unnecessary chances that could result in disaster for you, your friends and your loved ones!

Viewpoint_____

Late last year a large number of the Army's top noncommissioned officers held a meeting in Washington, D.C., and discussed some of the general problems they encountered during their combined years of service. At the conclusion of the meeting they submitted 90 recommendations to the Army Chief of Staff. The recommendations outlined problem areas and offered possible solutions. It is now reported that of the 90, 31 were approved by the Chief of Staff and have been forwarded to the Department of the Army for further action. Actually, some of the recommendations have already been implemented while the others are under study.

The proposals ranged in scope from

authorization of a cost of living allowance for personnel in CONUS assignments to the need for more durable buttons on the fatigue uniform.

There is probably no better source of information on the problems of the enlisted man in the Army than the “brain trust” represented by a sizeable gathering of sergeants major. Their wealth of experience and wide travels make them an ideal source of information and ideas. By tapping this almost inexhaustible source, the Department of the Army demonstrates its concern for the well-being of the enlisted man and the Army as a whole, and shows continuing appreciation for the development of new ideas and policies.

Security is your way of life

You and every other person assigned to or employed by the Army Security Agency must recognize that you are a potential target for agents, operators and supporters of foreign intelligence agencies. When you were employed, the nation and the USASA placed great trust in your integrity, loyalty and discretion. Therefore, it is imperative that you guard against, and recognize, any attempts toward espionage, subversion or disaffection, know how to react if you are approached, and how to protect yourself and the Army against foreign intelligence efforts.

Enemy agents will resort to any method and use many techniques to obtain information. For example, agents will cultivate friendships with Army or civilian personnel and try to obligate them to provide information, or take advantage of their personal difficulties, problems or indiscretions. Some of their primary targets are personnel with financial difficulties and personal or emotional problems.

If you think, or have reason to suspect, that any individual may be divulging classified information, report this immediately to your supervisor or Commanding Officer. Do not try to restrict, investigate or apprehend the individual. Report what you know or suspect, and leave the investigation to trained experts.

Be security conscious 24-hours a day! Know, observe and enforce all regulations regarding the handling and protection of classified documents. Always observe the need-to-know principle and avoid public or private conduct that could be used against you.

The security of the United States and of the Army Security Agency is the responsibility of each of its members, military and civilian. An individual is responsible for every security violation committed, either deliberately or accidentally.

Remember that if you relax your security guard, you invite disaster—personal and national.

ASA Soldier Wins Freedoms Foundation Award



SP5 Bohannon with Senator Symington of Missouri.

Would you like to win a free trip home (even if you are in Vietnam), a seven-day leave, and \$100 cash? You might be able to win this—or more—if you are a good enough essayist.

When SP5 James E. Bohannon, a traffic analyst with the 856th RR Det, Long Binh, Vietnam, wrote a letter last October 25 he *thought* he had 203 days left in Vietnam before seeing home. Though this letter was *not* to his Senator, Stuart Symington of Missouri, as a result of it SP5 Bohannon got to meet and talk with the Senator.

Specialist Bohannon's all-important letter was to the 1967 Freedoms Foundation Letters Award Program on the assigned topic, "Freedom—My Heritage, My Responsibility." It topped more than 10,000 other letters to earn SP5 Bohannon a trip to Washington and \$100 cash as one of the top three Army winners in the competition. Bohannon's letter is printed at right.

Summarizing his experience, SP5 Bohannon said, "Following my seven day leave at home, I arrived at Valley Forge on February 20. The next day we were given a tour of historical areas of Philadelphia. The actual award ceremony took place on George Washington's Birthday, February 22, beginning with a banquet in the basement of Martha Washington Hall. Later the awards, \$8,500 cash, were presented plus George Washington Honor Medals for all winners present."

Seven ASA men have won in previous years. The ranks and duty stations given are those current when they entered the competition, since some are no longer in Service.

1966: SSG Thomas Whittle (\$50) and SP5 Thomas E. Boykin (George Washington Honor Medal), ASATC&S, Ft. Devens; CW2 Oscar Anderson, ASA Comm Unit Japan, Honor Certificate (**also 1965**); **1965:** SSG Peter C. Richards, FS Asmara, \$50; SP4 John R. Stauffer, FS Vint Hill Farms, George Washington Honor Medal; **1963:** SP5 A. Jerome Dupont, 251st ASAE Proc Co., Frankfurt, \$100; and CW4 Oscar G. Grammer, TUSLOG Det. 4, Turkey, \$100. (All cash winners also received the George Washington Honor Medal.)

Why not enter the 1968 Letters Award Program and add *your* name to the list of winners? (See page 15, July HALLMARK for details). Its *well* worth the effort! ■

"Freedom—My Heritage, My Responsibility"

It is 1967 and I am in Vietnam. I am an American soldier, and until May 16th, 1968, I will fight; and kill; and maybe be killed in a hot, humid, mosquito-ridden land filled with strange faces—strange ways. Home—Lebanon, Missouri—is thousands of miles and 203 days away. For one year—leap year at that—I'm cut off from everything and everyone I know and love. As a United States citizen, I have obeyed my Army orders sending me here. But, as a rational individual, I have to think now and then about *why* I am here. A soldier has a lot of time to think.

That's why I am writing this letter to the Freedoms Foundation. The more I think about it, the more I realize that your essay topic, "Freedom—My Heritage, My Responsibility," acquires some pretty concrete meaning in Vietnam.

My school years drilled me in the fact that freedom was my heritage, but Vietnam showed me; even forced on me the truth that freedom is my responsibility. Because freedom is what this war is all about, and don't let them tell you otherwise. Still, some say, "Peace at any price," and question the war. They deserve an answer.

Vietnamese of my generation have never known peace, only varying degrees of war. Most of the fighting has been sheer folly: a means of choosing between different brands of tyranny.

Just a few weeks ago, that all changed. For the first time in history, free elections were held in Vietnam. Free, supervised, secret ballot elections. And now—*now*, this war has shed any folly it ever had. The "dirty little war" has acquired a silver lining.

Without my presence and a half million others, those free elections would never have taken place. That's why I'm here: to make those free elections possible. To enable a duly elected government of the Republic of Vietnam to take root—and grow—and become so much a part of the people that school children here can learn about freedom, *their* heritage, just as I once learned. That's freedom. My responsibility.

I'm here so that those children can grow up with the delicious dignity of *shaping their own destiny*. So they can change their government, not just curse it—or take up arms against it. So they can change it, shape it, bend it to their own desires. Theirs is a joy denied modern Americans: that first free election. Only those born in tyranny could understand.

Those who beg, "Peace at any price," are to be disappointed. Like colonial America, Vietnam has tasted freedom. The newly elected leaders of Vietnam would no more set a price tag on freedom than would Sam Adams.

Helping to defend this is worth a leap year—and more. Beauty is rare in war, but I see a touch of beauty: another people have earned the right to say, "freedom—*my* heritage, *my* responsibility."



HALL OF FAME

Awards and honors won by military and civilian USASA members

Legion Of Merit

COLONEL: Arthur W. Hackwood, Robert W. Lewis, Keene Wilson (1)* Richard B. Mosser.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: John C. Barnwell, Wade G. Barton, Jr. (1)*, Richard B. Blauvelt, Frank A. Burdick, Ralph F. Connolly, William F. Flynn, Theodore C. Gettings, George W. Lehman, Lawrence E. Roshto, Eugene S. Sanford, Franklin L. Walsh, Irving K. Van Riper.

MAJOR: Charles E. Eastburn, Robert L. Johnson, Louis D. Kirk (1)*, Roy E. Litton, Dexter P. Morgan,

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Paul E. Northrup.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Daniel H. Taylor.

MASTER SERGEANT: Edward A. Blackader (2)*.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Harry D. Rhea.

Bronze Star Medal

MAJOR: Leslie Bartlett.

CAPTAIN: Grady Trew.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: William D. Freese.

MASTER SERGEANT: Edward J. Criswell.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: John R. Bradley, Richard H. Capman, Dennis L. Zerby.

SPECIALIST 5: Michael J. Haas.

Air Medal

WARRANT OFFICER: Finis E. Fox, Roy C. Mills, John M. Stantley.

SPECIALIST 7: George Zaluzney.

SPECIALIST 5: Richard C. Coffey, Clemon E. Brinson (13)*, Kenneth L. Byers, Joseph W. Germain (11)*, George S. Lomax, John W. Myers, Steven B. Rynecki.

SPECIALIST 4: Brody O. Conrey, Pedro Bermudes-Vasques, Jay T. Lynch, David M. Snyder, Marx E. Strawn.

Vietnamese Armed Forces Honor Medal

CAPTAIN: John F. Reineck, Jr.

Joint Service Commendation Medal

SPECIALIST 5: Isaac M. Wade.

Army Commendation Medal

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Warren H. Ellis.

MAJOR: Richard E. Barr (1)*, Hancel

A. Beckworth (1)*, Charles S. Dearman, Albert A. Dupont, Roger S. Mommaerts, Oliver S. Ward (2)*.

CAPTAIN: Phillip M. Ackerman, Fred K. Budzyna (1)*, Lawrence L. Caswell, William C. Coffey, Frederick H. Gesin, Arthur S. Hansel, Jr., George F. Hardwick, Earl O. Henry, Jerry R. Hurst, Henry M. Hyams, Richard Ippolito (1)*, Robert J. Kean, Lyle H. Kelly, Charles P. Leach, Thomas F. Kennedy, Edwin R. Leffler, Jr., Donald F. Matthews (1)*, George B. McLaughlin, Jack R. Millett, Roland Miner (1)*, Frazier L. O'Leary, Benjamin Olenick, Richard W. Porter, Charles E. Puckett (1)*, William G. Rauch, Jr., Michael M. Schneider, James W. Short, Donald W. Thompson, Robert J. Weber, Ralph R. Young.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: Mark W. Buchtel, James L. Cooper, III, Russell C. Eberhart, Franklin W. Goss, David W. McClintick, Charles J. McLaughlin, Jerry A. Pol, Jerry K. Tanaka.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4: Gustave J. Wirth (1)*.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Robert E. Crowder, Frank Emma (2)*, Dalton L. Hitt, Shirley E. Klein (2)*.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Billy R. Allen, Frederick J. Gaudry, Thomas R. Sullivan, Jack C. Wilson, Jr., Donald L. Wright.

WARRANT OFFICER: Robert B. Craik. STAFF SERGEANT MAJOR: Vernon G. Snyder (2)*, Lyle J. Strand (2)*, Jefferson M. Rhodes, Jr. (1)*.

FIRST SERGEANT: Guy G. Darden (2)*, Raymond D. Fenters, George M. Keener (2)*.

MASTER SERGEANT: Herman H. Adams (1)*, James Branan (1)*, David P. Camacho, Archie S. Cantwell, Joe M. Collins (3)*, John J. D'Avignon (2)*, Harold DeRose (1)*, Melvin L. Dockery (2)*, Joseph D. Gaquin, Jr. (1)*, Robert W. Gilbert (1)*, Leo C. Hensens, Robert G. Hesler (1)*, Carlos Hoffman, Robert A. Lafreniere (2)*, James E. McBurney (1)*, Henry J. Oliver, Harold L. Shepard, Wallace W. Towns, Leonard E. Waltemeyer.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Ray H. Allen, Dan J. Barr, Nicholas C. Becker, David Bontly, Dennis L. Brown, Richard C. Bupp, William Capozzoli, Jr. (1)*, Charles F. Carnes, Gerald W. Clemons, Clinton L. Colby, Nolan S. Dahl, William J. Fagan, Robert M. Freeman (1)*, James E. Gammell (1)*, John R. Hancock, Garland H. Helmick, John W. Kennedy, Karl M. Kerr, Leo Ledeaux, Billy R.

Mallory (1)*, James J. McGowan, Rondey C. Morefield, Lawrence H. Murphy, Eugene F. O'Mara (1)*, Eugene V. Peckinpaugh, Ernest C. Peters, Patrick P. Rooney, Thomas W. Rozanski (1)*, Richard D. Schrock (2)*, David L. Shackelford, Mario S. Sorrentino, James H. Stratton, Dean A. Wanner, Orin J. Wenzel, Gerald R. Wheaton, Harry G. Whitman (2)*, Dennis L. Zerby.

SPECIALIST 7: Dieter H. Horstmann.

STAFF SERGEANT: Tom Adams (2)*, Monty H. Barnes, Melvin Erron, Anthony W. Frost (1)*, Wayne W. Frutiger (1)*, Marion B. Godwin, Donovan R. Janssen, Larry Jones, William Leskovac, Theodore R. Pratt, Jr., Everett Quickel, Jr., Robert C. Reed, Benjamin M. Smyly, James V. Stephenson (1)*, Gary D. Stout, Charles G. Wilcox, Samuel A. Wilkerson.

SPECIALIST 6: Lindell H. Carroll, Robert L. Chilcote, Michael H. Chittick, Conrad H. Dover, Donald J. Glavach, Felix T. Herubin, Marshall N. Lester, Gene W. McCabe, Daniel R. Menhennett, Lawrence H. Sorg.

SERGEANT: Ben L. Przesmicki, Jr., Lynn C. Pyle.

SPECIALIST 5: Bruce C. Boydston, Michael D. Bragg, William Byrne, David A. Cryer, Sylvannus P. Dykstra, Jr., John C. Fox, Jr., Donald L. Harley, Nelson T. Hart, Timothy A. Hayes, Harry C. Hill, William H. Jewell, Raymond R. Rabon, Floyd R. Rhodes, Duane A. Rieckenburg, Melvin D. Robinson, Frank E. Sayne, Ronald D. Southerland, Charles L. Tidwell, Dennis L. Vaughn, Craig E. Woods (1)*.

SPECIALIST 4: Fred J. Butts, Robert D. Chenoweth, John W. Flannigan, William H. Happ, Harold C. Keeteman, David G. Krohn, Marshall Kwait, James W. Lauerbaugh, Richard E. Shilling.

*Indicates number of Oak Leaf Cluster(s) received.

Retirement

COLONEL: Keene N. Wilson.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Frank A. Burdick.

MAJOR: Dexter P. Morgan.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Robert E. Crowder, Paul E. Northrup.

STAFF SERGEANT MAJOR: Samuel A. Wilkerson.

FIRST SERGEANT: George M. Keener.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Michael V. Maus.

SPECIALIST 7: Gerhard Tamm.

STAFF SERGEANT: Wesley G. Clark.



MAJ Norbert C. Goodman, ODCSCOM, Arlington Hall Station, caught this 23-inch, nine-pound bass June 22. It is the largest bass ever caught at Lake Brittle near FS Vint Hill Farms, Virginia.



SFC Jimmy Duke and family enjoy fresh trout cooked by Mess Steward SFC Jones at an April fish fry attended by more than 70 members and guests of the Northern Isle Sportsmen's Club at FS Chitose. The newly redecorated clubhouse has everything from mounted trophy heads to a well-equipped workshop with a rifle and shotgun shell reloader, to a complete sports library.



MSG Thomas Tupper of HQ USASAE swings his lucky 4-iron which bagged him a 160-yard hole in one last March near Frankfurt—his first in ten years of golfing.

Bowling

Ethiopia—The Kagnev Station Men's Bowling Association (MBA) unanimously chose MSG William Shields as its first annual "Bowler of the Year" June 10.

On June 20 the MBA presented nearly \$800 in prizes to winners in its fourth annual MBA Tournament in a televised ceremony. First place winners included: Team—Ernie Boucher, Bill Cloud, Phil Dodge, Joe McCoy and Bill Shields; Doubles—Ted Cummings, Joe McCoy; Singles—Jimmy Wright (690 series!); and All-Events—Jack Helwick.

Panama—After winning the Ft. Clayton Junior Bowling League tournament, ASASOUTHCOM's junior bowling team went on to take second place in the All Canal Zone Junior-Senior Tournament. High tournament scorer was Richard Owens, 227, while Sharon Taylor rolled the high game for the season—228. Other team members were George Mullins, Kathy Kostenbauder and Resa Stoops.

Germany—SP5 Robert E. Harris, FS Herzo, recently bowled a scratch series of 670 in the pioneer Bowling League. SP5 Harris' high average was 177.

Theatre

Germany—PFC Edwin P. McClellan of Herzogenaurach received the Best Director Award following a Command Performance of "The Innocents" May 17. The play, an adaptation of Henry James' "The Turn of the Screw" was selected as the best in the USAREUR Tournament of Plays.

Also entered in the tournament was "The Tender Trap", produced by the FS Bad Aibling Players, which drew capacity crowds locally and on tour. Director Thomas Roemisch holds college-level classes on various facets of drama.

Thailand—SP4 John O'Brien, 83d RRSOU, played the lead in the May production of "Under the Yum Yum Tree" by the Bangkok Actors Community Theatre. Earlier he appeared in the Bangkok Dramatic Society's production of "Othello."

Germany—Kassel's Stadtstheater was looking for a German-speaking American Negro, interested in appearing in a play. As a result, SP5 Elmo Williams of FS Rothwesten starred in "Ceremony for a Murdered Negro" which played to capacity crowds in April.



An impromptu tug-of-war develops during break-time at FS Herzo's (Germany) annual rifle firing in April.

Golf

Germany—FS Herzogenaurach won the annual USASAE Chief's Golf Tournament May 20 for the third consecutive time. The host team, FS Berlin, placed second. The top five individual winners were all from Herzo. SP5 Frank led with a three-round score of 229, followed by SP4s Walter Hardy, Bob Walker, Mike Kelly and SFC Norman Carter.

On June 22-23 the following took top honors in an 18-hole tournament at Herzo with scores of 64: Mr. Don Bacon, SP4 Mike Kelly and Eric Pierskalla.

Softball

Thailand—The 83d RRSOU Big Green mound men captured the Bangkok Area Softball Championship in undefeated tournament play in early June. The team's season record was 20-3.

Maryland—SSG Clinton Smith, ASA Spt Gp, Ft. Meade, pitched a perfect game, June 11, for the league-leading Spt Gp Generals, winning 15-0.

Ethiopia—SFC Gerald Fogoros of FS Asmara pitched a perfect game May 16 for the HHC Pistons in intramural competition. The score was 11-0. SFC Fogoros has 20 years of softball league pitching experience.

The STRATCOM Jets (8-2 season record) won the Kagnev slow-pitch softball championship with a 4-1 tournament record.

Knowledge Tourney

Germany—In the last 5 seconds of play, FS Herzo's Tournament of Knowledge team lost the All-Europe title, 350-345 to the 3rd Inf Div. on June 23. (See July R&R Report.)

The runner-up in the June 9 regional competition was FS Bad Aibling's team: SP5 Charles Addotta, SP4 William Bender, SP4 John Taylor and SP5 Philip Weber.

Basketball-Volleyball

Thailand—The Ramasun Eagles, 7th RRFS, won the 1968 U.S. Army All-Thailand Basketball Championship 61-60 in the final 15 seconds of play.

Turkey—In a May tournament TUSLOG Det 4-4 (6-2 season record) captured the volleyball championship at Karamursel AFB. Team members are SSG Gary Richard, SSG Al Warren, WO1 Junior Wascher, SSG Gus Monroig, SP5 Bill Hess, SP5 Dickie Jones, SSG Larry Gilmore and SSG Richard Pietrowiak.

Photo Contest

Massachusetts—Four men assigned to ASATC&S, Ft. Devens, won in recent photographic contests. SP5 Clyde Abbott took First Place in post competition with a b&w portrait. In First Army-wide competition, Third Places were captured by PFC Edward G. Finn, scenic-b&w; SP4 James L. Hazen, military life-color and SP4 Norman W. Lamphere, babies & children. (SP4 Lamphere is now at FS Herzo where he is station photographer.)

Archery

Virginia—SP5 Curtis Gray and SP5 Epert Heim hit first and second place respectively in the April FS Vint Hill Farms Archery Tournament out of a field of 47. SSG Entique Rodriquez, SP4 Tom Higgins, SP5 Lloyd Hill, and SGT Chuck Righton won the first place team trophy.

Chess

Germany—A big honor has come to SP5 James R. Hedge, Jr., FS Herzogenaurach, who has been elected vice president of the European Chess District.

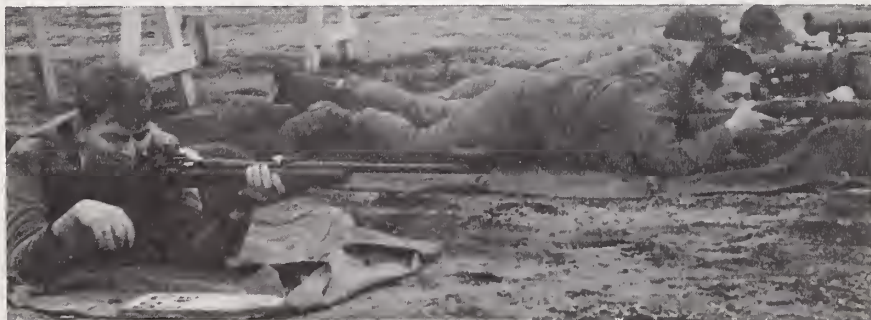


SP4 Bob Kaderlik (88) and PVT Chuck Condray, ASA Comm Unit Europe, joined 500 German and American enthusiasts in April for a Volksmarsch, or walking contest. The 7.2 mile uphill event ended at the highest point of Frankfurt's nearby mountains. Men, women and children—from 8 to 75—civilians, military, even dogs, participated in this second annual competition. Hoofers Kaderlik and Condray set no records, but they covered the course in 105 and 115 minutes, respectively, earning Volksmarsch commendation medals.

Rifle And Shotgun

Germany—The crack Combined Marksmanship Team of FS Rothwesten's Rod & Gun Club took first place in May in difficult "hunting-style" matches. 1SG Norman J. Mabie, club president, earned the coveted Gold Needle for placing third in "high shotgun."

Team members have captured over a dozen awards in recent months in skeet shooting competition including first and second place wins by SP5 Reuel Emery, SP6 Gregory L. DuCharme and SP5 Michael Henseler. Other members are SSG Duane L. Edwards and SGT Johnne Kelly.



FS Chitose men with borrowed rifles and little practice took first, third, and fifth places in a May rifle match against experienced Japanese marksmen. ASA winners were Mike O'Conner, first 280x300; Joe Panichi, third, 261x300 and George C. Bartlum, fifth, 256x300. Bartlum is shown at left.



■ **New Promotion Plan Adopted**—A new procedure for promoting enlisted personnel goes into effect this month. It is the *Standardized Promotion Scoring Form*, a numerical system for evaluating candidates for promotion. Although requirements for promotion generally remain unchanged, the significant factors involved will now be computed on the following point system:

(FACTOR)	(MAXIMUM SCORE)
Active Time Federal Service	100 points
Time in Current Grade	100 points
Enlisted Evaluation Score	150 points
Civilian Education	75 points
Military Education	100 points
Physical Fitness	25 points
Enlisted Efficiency Report	250 points
Promotion Board Appraisal	200 points

This quantified system standardizes required qualifying factors for promotion through point values and allows the individual to compare his standing with others, both within his own command and Army-wide.

Promotion Boards will prepare a recommended promotion list—not to exceed the number of vacancies expected in the following 60 days—arranged by the number of total points awarded each individual.

If an individual is not recommended for promotion, he will be counselled by his commander or designated representative on his weak areas as determined by the Scoring Form scores.

■ **DA Modifies Leave Policy**—DA recently announced that certain leaves taken in connection with PCS will be limited. Leave time involving PCS within CONUS or within an overseas command will be determined by the commander of the losing unit and charged to that unit; however, an individual transferring will not have to return to his old unit to sign in from leave. Leave time will no longer appear in orders for this type of PCS. For PCS between CONUS and overseas theaters, and intertheater commands, thirty-days leave time is authorized.

■ **10% Savings Plan Offered**—If you're overseas and would like to see your money grow, here's how—join the savings deposit program.

Under Federal law, you can earn ten per cent on up to \$10,000, compounded quarterly, while on permanent duty outside the United States and its possessions. As long as your permanent duty station remains overseas, you can keep up the deposits while on TDY or on leave.

It's easy to start the plan. All it takes is one class "S" allotment of at least \$5—or multiples of \$5, such as \$10, \$15, \$20, etc.

The savings program is a sensible, and relatively painless, approach to saving your money. At ten per cent, (higher than almost any other savings plan) why pass it up?

■ **Jobs Available for Vietnam Returnees**—Vietnam returnees can now receive Civil Service appointments without taking an examination, if they have less than one year education beyond high school and meet standard Civil Service requirements. Under a recent Executive Order, veterans who qualify will work in GS 1 through GS 5 levels of Federal employment and agree to further their education under the G.I. Bill for at least a year. Those eligible must be hired within one year after separation from the Army or one year after release from hospitalization or treatment following separation.

■ **Subdued Insignia Authorized**—Like their colleagues in Vietnam, members of the U.S. Army in the rest of the world are now authorized to wear subdued insignia on their field jackets, tropical combat uniforms, fatigues and OG (olive green) shirts. Mandatory effective date for the combat-inspired insignia is not until July 1, 1969. Meanwhile, they may be worn as they become available.

■ **Political Activity Guidelines Set**—During a presidential election year, American politics generate a special kind of excitement unique to our democracy. In this highly charged atmosphere, servicemen on active duty should remember there are certain guidelines to follow in their political activity.

The General Counsel, legal authority for the Department of Defense, reminds the active duty serviceman of these restrictions:

- He cannot use his position, authority or influence to in any way affect the outcome of an election.
- He cannot participate in the management of a campaign or be a member of a political committee.
- Other activities such as participation in political conventions, campaigns and speeches are also prohibited.

Everyone, of course, has the right to vote and express opinions privately and informally on the issues and the candidates.

Under certain conditions a serviceman on active duty may even be elected to public office. If he is offered the nomination for office without direct or indirect solicitation on his part, he may accept. If elected, and if the office is Federal or State-wide (including state legislatures), he may be relieved from active duty.

On the other hand, a reservist while on active duty can seek election to public office without the offer of nomination.

■ **Specialist-NCO Relation Changes**—Specialists now rank immediately below NCOs of identical pay grade and above NCOs of the next lower pay grade, according to recent Department of Army Message 860528. The change to AR 600-20 also grants Specialists the same type of privileges as NCOs of identical pay grade in the organization and installation. Formerly, Specialists ranked below all NCOs.

— Hot Stuff —

The weather and the whole personality of summertime make you want to go out and enjoy yourself—maybe by spending a little money on some of the luxuries of life. There are all sorts of things to do with your money this summer—a color TV, that family vacation, air conditioning for the house or maybe a new car for the wife. But hold on a minute before you get carried away with all those terrific ideas. Take a good close look at your present financial situation and see what your “credit temperature” is.

The luxuries of life are great, and everyone would like to be able to enjoy more of them, but when you start reaching for too many luxuries by way of the “no money down, easy payment” route, you’re asking for trouble. It takes only a slight increase in financial pressures to shatter your credit thermometer, credit standing and economic security.

Before you go ahead with that big purchase, take another look at your credit thermometer. If your credit temperature is a little too warm for comfortable living, let things cool off financially before you throw another log on the fire. (AFPS)

— Essay Contest —

The Fund for the Advancement of Management in the Armed Forces, Ft. Belvoir, Va., is sponsoring a new essay contest open to all members of the Armed Forces except those assigned or attached to Ft. Belvoir. The contest is designed to “promote the advancement of management in the armed forces by encouraging military and civilian members . . . to conduct research and write on the areas of general and functional management.”

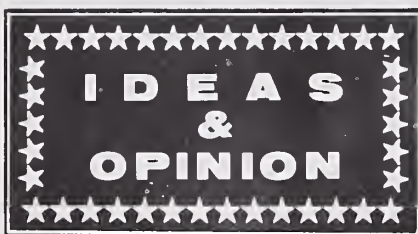
Essays are welcomed on studies of any general or functional management area which may be conducive to more effective and efficient operation within the Department of Defense. Some specifically suggested topics are:

- Studies of current management practices applicable to the military services with a view to their improvement.
- Studies concerning a specific contemporary problem in the field of

military installation management.

- Essays which develop practicable methods through which functional heads may use the computer to improve management.

The essays will be judged by a council of five members of the Fund, and a total of \$600 in prizes will be awarded to the top ten entries. First prize is \$200. Prizes will be awarded on the basis of the essay’s contribution to the advancement of management in the armed services and originality in writing and research.



Entrys should be original, unpublished, between 2,500 and 10,000 words, and typed on 8" x 10½" bond paper. To insure impartial judging, the entrys should be submitted under a pen name with the applicant’s real name and address placed in a sealed envelope with the pen name on the outside.

Entries may be submitted to the Fund for the Advancement of Management in the Armed Forces, U.S. Army Management School, Ft. Belvoir, Va. 22060, postmarked no later than Sept. 30, 1968.

— Early Release —

USASA enlisted men returning from a short tour area now are eligible to be released from active duty up to 150 days prior to completion of their normal terms of service. Previously, the maximum early release time was 90 days.

The new policy is aimed at reducing the turnover rate of individuals assigned to units in the United States.

Enlisted personnel in a hostile fire zone may voluntarily extend their tour in an overseas command to qualify for the 150-day early separation. This would permit the Vietnam veteran to be released as soon as he completes the extension of his Vietnam tour.

In short tour areas, except for hostile fire zones, an enlisted man whose

tour expires 151 to 180 days prior to his completion of service will be retained in the overseas command until he has less than five months remaining for completion of service.

He will then be returned to the United States for early separation rather than being assigned to a unit in the States for the short period of time remaining. This policy will not affect those personnel intending to reenlist. (ANF)

— Need For News —

The editorial staff of THE HALLMARK is interested in photos and written accounts of what you, your friends, and your unit or department is doing or planning to do.

WHY? Well, this is the only way that we can use your news magazine to tell others about you. Your friends in the Agency want to know what you are doing, and you are probably interested in their activities. Your best way of informing them is through THE HALLMARK.

We are interested in Agency people and their activities. If you have a story idea or a news item, talk to your unit HALLMARK reporter, or submit them directly to: THE HALLMARK, USASA(IAOPS-I), Arlington Hall Station, Arlington, Va. 22212.

— Health Tags —

The Army will soon begin issuing a bright red metal “Medical Warning Tag” for rapid recognition of selected health problems.

The tag is the same size and shape as the current identification tag and is to be suspended from the identification tag necklace. The tags should be available for use in the field sometime this month.

The tag has been developed to point out special medical problems when medical records are not immediately available and the individual requiring treatment is unable to give a medical history.

An Army regulation, “Medical Service: Medical Warning Tags,” which governs the use and issue of the medical warning tag, is scheduled for publication soon. (ANF)



FLARE



The annual ASA Commanders Conference was held at Arlington Hall Station on the 6th-10th of May. The conference is designed to facilitate communications between high level Commanders. Attending were: (1st row from left) COL Lawson, CO, CDA; BG Godding, CG, ASAPAC; BG Collins, CG, ASAEUR; MG Denholm, CG, ASA; BG Keller, DCG, ASA; COL Hudgins, CO, USAAG; COL Wilson, CO, ASAFS, TRRS; (2nd row from left) COL Bratton, CO, MSCVHFS; COL Buttlesman, CO, ASA Ln Gp NSA; COL Holland, CO, SP Gp Ft Meade; COL Des Jarlais, CO, ASATC&S; COL Riley, CO, 509th Gp; COL Lundy, CO, ASA Ln Gp, CONARC; COL Fischer, CO, ASAT&EC; COL Hamer, CO, ASAFS, Asmara; COL Otiker, CO, VHFS; (3rd row from left) LTC Fallon, CO, ASAFS, Shemya; LTC Ellis, CO, ASAFS, Homestead; LTC Wright, CO, ASA Det 4th Army; LTC Dabill, CO, ASA Det, 1st Army; LTC Coykendall, CO, 301st ASA Bn; LTC Davidson, CO, ASASC; LTC Conrad, CO ASA Det, Ft Richardson; LTC Vernau, CO, 311th ASA Bn; LTC Ryan, CO, ASA Det, 6th Army; LTC Jacobus, CO, ASA Det, 3rd Army; MAJ Beaupre, CO, ASA Det, 5th Army.